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Benefits

- In the past the benefits have been defined in the Request for Proposals (RFP)
- In 2005 the benefits were defined by HB1
- State is now moving to a self-funded plan
 - Benefits in a self-funded plan typically are defined in a Plan Document
 - The Commonwealth is ERISA exempt and is not required, but can choose to use a Plan Document
- 2006 RFP is for an initial 2 ½ year contract with eight – one year options for renewal for a total of 10 ½ years.
 - RFP does not define benefits, but instead procures a vendor that can administer benefit designs as determined the Commonwealth



Benefit Oversight

- Stakeholder Input
 - Group Health Insurance Board
 - Employee Advisory Committee
 - Legislative Committees
 - Other Interested Parties



Stakeholder Groups

- Group Health Insurance Board
 - Sec. of Finance and Administration, Sec. of Personnel,
 Education Commissioner, State Budget Director, EAC
 Chair, Insurance Commissioner, State Auditor,
 Administrative Courts, KTRS Retiree, KRS Retiree, Active
 Teacher, Active Employee, Active Classified Employee
 - Analysis and research of Kentucky program, other states, cost, enrollment, claims, utilization
 - October Report
 - Recommendations related to contribution, adverse selection mitigation, competitive plan design, self-insurance, evaluation



Stakeholder Groups

- Employee Advisory Committee
 - 32 members representing School districts, state government employees, retirees (pre and post 65), local health departments, KTRS, KEA, KACO, KLC
 - "Advise the Secretary or his designee regarding the statesponsored health insurance program"
 - HB 1 Requirements
 - Advise the Secretary on health benefits; procedures for soliciting bids or requesting proposals; implementation, maintenance and administration of program; and, development of a uniform drug formulary
 - Requires that the health benefit plans shall be submitted to the EAC for review
 - EAC submits approval or recommended changes to the Secretary 7 days prior to release of the RFP



Stakeholder Input

 The Commonwealth will continue to work with the Group Health Insurance Board, Employee Advisory Committee, Legislative Committees and other stakeholders to design and implement benefits



Pharmacy Benefit

- Commonwealth requesting a proposal for a Pharmacy Benefit Administrator (PBA)
 - Pharmacy Provider Network
 - Claims Administration / Plan Design
 - Formulary Management
 - Clinical and Utilization Management



Pharmacy Benefit

- Pharmacy Benefit Administrator
 - Regions1 and 2
 - Administered by Anthem
 - Utilizes Anthem formulary
 - Typically includes a pharmacy and therapeutics committee
 - Examine drugs for both efficacy and costs
 - Include multi-disciplinary specialists including physicians and pharmacists
 - PBA will be able to access industry experts
 - Decisions made on therapeutic effectiveness and not driven by local pressures

